

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762)	WT Docket No. 06-150
and 777-792 MHz Bands)	
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Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure)	CC Docket No. 94-102
Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency)	
Calling Systems)	
)	
Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules)	WT Docket No. 01-309
Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible)	
Telephones)	
)	WT Docket No. 03-264
Biennial Regulatory Review – Amendment of)	
Parts 1, 22, 24, 27, and 90 to Streamline and)	
Harmonize Various Rules Affecting Wireless)	
Radio Services)	
)	WT Docket No. 06-169
Former Nextel Communications, Inc.)	
Upper 700 MHz Guard Band)	
Licenses and Revisions to Part 27 of)	
the Commission's Rules)	PS Docket No. 06-229
)	
Implementing a Nationwide,)	
Broadband, Interoperable Public)	
Safety Network in the 700 MHz)	
Band)	WT Docket No. 96-86
)	
Development of Operational, Technical and)	
Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal,)	
State and Local Public Safety		
Communications Requirements Through the		
Year 2010		

**COMMENTS OF THE INDIANA (REGION 14) 700 MHZ REGION PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

The Indiana (Region 14) 700 MHz Region Planning Committee hereby submits these reply comments in response to the Commission's *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the above-captioned proceedings.

Upon review of this document the Indiana 700 MHz Region Planning Committee offers these comments.

Region 14's RPC membership is made up of state, city and county entities each of which have varied capacity, spectrum and coverage needs. Region 14 is concerned that if the FCC's proposal to eliminate any option for agencies to deploy wideband technologies those agencies will have no high speed data option until such time as a nationwide broadband network is built out. All estimates have placed the timeframe to accomplish a nationwide network at 8-10 years. Because much of Indiana is rural, it is likely that the proposed national network would not be available in our state until the latter stages of build out. Agencies within Indiana should not have to wait a decade to have access to high speed data technologies.

Region 14 believes that the FCC should adopt a bandplan that provides spectrum for both a nationwide broadband network and retains a portion of the 700 MHz data spectrum to remain until local control. The spectrum under local control could be used to deploy individual wideband or broadband networks. By adopting a bandplan that supports both national and local spectrum control, the immediate needs of local and regional agencies could be met in the near term while a nationwide network is being developed and deployed.

Region 14 also wishes to express concern about the identity of the nationwide broadband licensee. We believe that the nationwide broadband network must be licensed to an entity who truly represents the interests of public safety.

In summary, Region 14 opposes mandating broadband as the only 700 MHz data technology; supports adopting a band plan that provides spectrum for both national and

local deployment; supports retaining the option to deploy wideband or broadband technologies in the spectrum under local control; and supports strict eligibility limits on the nationwide network licensee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Anthony Stantz', with a stylized, cursive script.

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